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ELECTION ANALYSIS

Editor's note: 100% of the precincts are in from across Calif., but there are still ABSENTEE BALLOTS which have not been counted. However, sources think the results will hold up in most cases. Here is CALPEEK's analysis of the June 2nd primary, with WINNERS & LOSERS...

- **LONGEST NIGHT AWARD** - To the West L.A. political organization led by U.S. Reps. Henry Waxman and Howard Berman, and BAD Campaigns, the campaign mgt. firm owned by Michael Berman and Carl D'Agostino. BAD lost both Demo U.S. Senate primaries (Mel Levine and Gray Davis); a hot Demo State senate primary (Herschel Rosenthal); and a hot Demo State Assembly race (Dave Elder). YES, the organization and the campaign firm will recover, but their string of winning campaigns has been broken and their hold on West L.A. has been weakened if Tom Hayden's narrow win over Rosenthal holds up...

- **MIXED BAG** - Gov. Pete Wilson(R) wasn't a big loser, but he didn't do as well as his troops had hoped. Wilson got very deeply involved in a number of State Assembly primaries, hoping to beat back challenges from **HARDLINE CONSERVATIVES**. In San Diego County, for example, Wilson-backed moderate candidates won 2 of 4 primaries. Overall, in 13 contested primaries pitting **HARDLINE Pro-Life conservatives** against Wilson Pro-Choice moderates, Wilson won 5 primaries. In an expanded group of 17 primaries, Wilson won only 6. Not so good...

- **LOSERS** - Orange County Pro-Choice moderates. Hardline Pro-Life conservatives didn't lose a thing, despite all sorts of money (late and otherwise) being thrown at a number of CARAL "Enemies of Choice" candidates...

- **WINNERS** - Sacto consultant Richie Ross and the L.A. based firm of Skelton-Grover won all their primary races (or made the November runoffs in non-partisan races)...

- **WINNER** - Former GOP Assembly Leader Ross Johnson and his conservative allies, who backed 12 out of 14 winners in contested GOP Assembly primaries. While Johnson regards these 14 seats as being **SAFE GOP turf**, CALPEEK wouldn't bet on it. Some of these GOP hardliners are **VERY** far to the right and could have trouble winning in November. If as many as 3-5 of these Johnson-backed hardliners win in November, kiss current GOP Assembly Leader Bill Jones goodbye. Not good news for Gov. Wilson...

U.S. SENATE RESULTS

...As CALPEEK had predicted in the May 31st edition of the L.A. Times, the winners were U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer(D) and conservative Bruce Herschensohn for the 6-yr. senate seat; and appointed U.S. Sen. John Seymour (R) and former S.F. Mayor Dianne Feinstein (D) for the 2-yr. seat...

...The **GENDER** factor was a major influence in the Boxer vs. Leo McCarthy & Mel Levine Demo primary. Boxer played the gender card beautifully. LMc just didn't have the big bucks to pull an upset, while many sources believe Levine's late start and mediocre TV ads weren't enough, despite the massive war-chest that Levine accumulated...

...On the GOP side, about 56,000 votes separate Herschensohn from U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell, the moderate Pro-Choice Goper from Palo Alto. Former Palm Springs Mayor Sonny Bono got 16.7% — and as CALPEEK has been saying for months, Bono wouldn't win, but he was a **KEY** factor. Without Bono, Camp-

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bell could have won. BH got 38.2% and Campbell 35.8%. In addition to the low turnout, which helped BH, Campbell was too negative. FYI: BH's win is great news for the Bush-Quayle team. Had Campbell won, the conservatives might have stayed home in November...

...For the 2-yr. seat there were no major surprises. DiFi won big on the Demo side, but insiders say that the VICIOUS TV hit spot aired by Gray Davis against Feinstein in the closing days of the contest may have cost Davis his political career...

...On the GOP side, everyone expected Seymour to win, because U.S. Rep. Bill Danner-meyer was way under-funded and the other candidates just didn't appear to be doing much either. But with only 51.2% of the GOP vote, Seymour has his work cut out for him in the fall...

U.S. HOUSE

- 22nd C.D. - UPSET. Incumbent House member Robert Lagomarsino(R) was ousted by multi-millionaire PRO-Choice rival Michael Huffington - 49% to 42%. Bottomline: this primary proves you can buy it...

- 46th C.D. - Despite the polling data which claimed Orange Co. voters are PRO-Choice, incumbent PRO-Lifer Bob Dornan(R) MASHED former Judge Judy Ryan - 59.8% to 40.2%. CALPEEK sources had this race pegged right from day one...

- Northern CA Districts - Petaluma Councilwoman Lynn Woolsey(D) will face GOP Assemblyman Bill Filante in the 6th C.D... San Mateo Co. Sup. Anna Eshoo(D) will face off against fellow board member Tom Huen-ing in the 14th C.D...

- 11th C.D. - Despite more money and a TV ad featuring former Pres. Ronald Reagan, Sacto Co. Sup. Sandy Smoley ran second to hardliner Richard Pombo, a Tracy councilman. Pombo picked up the pieces after Lodi Councilman Jack Sieglock pounded Smoley with several good hits. On the Demo side, Patti Garamendi defeated George Barber...

- 36th C.D. - Chalk up a BIG win for L.A. Councilwoman Joan Flores in the GOP primary over Maureen Reagan - 34% to 30.6%. What did it? Slates and some late hits by

U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher aimed at MR did the trick. In retaliation, MR and brother Michael went down to Orange Co. and endorsed Rohrabacher rival, Peter Buffa. A meaningless waste of time...

- 37th C.D. - Big upset. Compton Mayor Walter Tucker, a major rival of U.S. Rep. Mervyn Dymally(D), upset Lynn Dymally, who was seeking to replace her dad in the U.S. House...

- Other So. Calif. Districts - Steve Horn edged former Assemblyman Dennis Brown in the 38th C.D. GOP primary, while Long Beach Councilman Evan Anderson Braude won the Demo primary...Dick Rutan knocked off San Berdu Co. Sup. Bob Hammock in the 42nd C.D. GOP primary...Diamond Bar Mayor Jay Kim narrowly defeated former Assemblyman Chuck Bader in the 42nd C.D. GOP primary... Assemblyman Tom McClintock(R) survived a tough primary against Sang Korman and will face U.S. Rep. Tony Beilenson in the November general...Not so lucky was Assemblyman Phil Wyman, who lost his GOP primary with Santa Clarita Councilman Buck McKeon in the 25th C.D. in north L.A. County...

- 30th C.D. - Chalk up a win for freshman Assemblyman Xavier Becerra(D) over L.A. School Board member Leticia Quezada. An early absentee voter program was probably the key factor. One of the few pluses for L.A. Co. Sup. Gloria Molina on June 2nd...

- 50th C.D. - San Diego Councilman Bob Filner defeated State Sen. Wadie Deddeh(D) and ex Congressman Jim Bates(D). Filner got 25.9% to 23.4% for Deddeh. A big loss for State Assemblyman Steve Peace(D)...

STATE SENATE

- 20th S.D. SPECIAL - The PRO-Choice forces backing GOPER Carol Rowen were not enough to knock off Senate Pres. David Roberti(D) - as predicted...

- 19th S.D. - Cathie Wright is tough to beat and Marian La Follette was late in going on the attack. Wright got 38% to La Follette's 33.4%, with Roger Campbell taking away another 28.5%. Without Campbell to split the anti-Wright vote, La Follette might have won this open seat...

- 23rd S.D. - At this point Demo Assem-

blyman Tom Hayden holds a 277-vote edge on State Sen. Herschel Rosenthal, with about 3,000 absentee ballots not yet counted. If Hayden holds on, it's one of the bigger upsets in West L.A. politics. Hayden's total was 36.8%, while Rosenthal was 36.6%, with Cathy O'Neill at 26.6%...

STATE ASSEMBLY

- 3rd A.D. - A late charge by Sam Aanes-tad (with lots of Wilson/CMA money) was NOT enough to defeat conservative Bernie Rich-ter. Hardliners are steamed at Wilson...

- Northern CA Districts - B.T. Collins survived another tough battle with conser-vative hardliner Barbara Alby - 51.6% to 48.4% in the 5th A.D...In the 7th A.D., Sonoma Vice Mayor Valerie Brown destroyed former Vallejo Mayor Terry Curtola to win the Demo primary...In the 10th A.D., Sacto Sheriff's Lt. Larry Bowler will be the GOP nominee against Kay Albiani(D)...

- 37th A.D. - Oxnard Mayor Nao Takasugi defeated hardliner Allan Guggeneheim by a 31% to 22.7% margin. Wilson backed Taka-sugi. If he wins the general, Takasugi will be the 1st Asian-American in the Assem-bly since 1980...

- Hispanic Battles - In Assembly Demo primary battles, candidates backed by L.A. Co. Sup. Gloria Molina LOST 4 out of 5 con-tests. Louis Caldera beat Bert Saavedra in the 44th A.D. Diane Martinez(daughter of the congressman) defeated Richard Fajardo in the 49th A.D. In the 50th A.D., Martha Escutia beat Pat Acosta. And in the 58th A.D., Grace Napolitano (with support from Speaker Willie Brown) defeated Armando Dur-on. Molina's only win was in the 57th A.D., where Hilda Solis defeated Ed Chavez, ex-AA to retiring Assemblywoman Sally Tanner. FYI: The BOYS (Polanco, Alatorre & Torres) are back in business...

- 55th A.D - Carson Councilwoman Juanita McDonald defeated incumbents Dick Floyd and Dave Elder in what has to be considered a big UPSET. Both Elder and Floyd had more money and Elder's campaign was backed by the Waxman-Berman organization...

- Orange County. Former GOP Assemblyman Curt Pringle won his primary in the 68th A.D....GOP Assemblywoman Doris Allen holds a lead over Assemblyman Tom Mays (40.5% to

39.4%), with Assemblyman Nolan Frizzelle in 3rd place...GOP Assemblyman Gil Ferguson pounded his PRO-Choice rival, Costa Mesa Councilwoman Mary Hornbuckle (56.7% to 43.3%)...Hardliner Bill Morrow won his hot primary against Pat Bates & Mike Eggers...

- The San Diego Four - Gov. Wilson won 2 of 4 key primaries. Winners were former Assemblyman Jeff Marston and Poway Mayor Jan Goldsmith, while HARDLINERS Steve Bald-win and Dick Daleke defeated Wilsonites. CALPEEK will go over some other assembly races next week...

LOCAL RACES

- SAN DIEGO MAYOR'S RACE - A major upset in the order of finish, as controlled growth advocate Peter Navarro finished ahead of the presumed frontrunner, San Diego County Sup. Susan Golding. Navarro got 38.21% vs. 31.16% for Golding. Sources say Navarro's GOTV was better and Navarro had a much clearer message than Golding. These two will runoff in November...

- SACTO MAYOR'S RACE - The winner, with-out a runoff, is Sacramento Councilman Joe Serna...

- SAN JOSE WON'T BUILD STADIUM - Voters by a 55% NO to 45% YES margin rejected Meas-ure G on the San Jose City ballot - thus once again leaving the S.F. Giants stuck in Candlestick Park. Had G been approved, the city's utility tax would have been raised to pay for the construction of a new ball-park. It was a tough sell and the YES on G forces knew it...

- LAW AND ORDER - It's a runoff with L.A. Co. Deputy DA Gil Garcetti against his boss, L.A. DA Ira Reiner. Garcetti came in first with 34% (to 25.7% for Reiner). Had the L.A. Times NOT endorsed Deputy DA Ster-ling Norris, some think a good part of his vote might have gone to Beverly Hills Mayor Bob Tanenbaum, a former NYC prosecutor, who ended up with 18.9%, thus we MIGHT have had a Garcetti vs. Tanenbaum runoff. Bottom-line: 74% voted for candidates other than Reiner. He's in trouble come November...

...In a surprise, L.A. Co. Sup. Court Judge Joyce Karlin won her primary outright again-st four challengers. She's the judge who

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refused to jail a Korean grocer for killing a black teenager. Karlin won spots on key slates, but the L.A. Times was against her. A big win for Cerrell Associates...

...And L.A. City Charter Amendment F to reform the L.A. Police Dept. in the wake of the Rodney King beating by 4 officers won with 66.87%. L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley's spin doctors are trying to make it appear as though HE was the big winner, but the big winner was Warren Christopher, the CITY and Marathon Communications, which ran the campaign. But it really wasn't so much a case as a big winner with Measure F, but rather a BIG LOSER --- outgoing Chief Daryl Gates, and the L.A. Police Protective League, who funded most of the TV and radio ads against Measure F. More local results and more WINNERS & LOSERS next week. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK's SUMMER ADDITIONS FOR L.A. MAYOR.

About a month or so ago CALPEEK ran its early LONG LIST of potential candidates looking at the 1993 race for Los Angeles Mayor. While we're not going to repeat the list, here's an addition: L.A. Co. Sheriff Sherman Block. Sources say Block is giving this office a SERIOUS look. FYI: CALPEEK sources report that attorney Richard Rior-dan has hired or is about to hire S.F. campaign consultant Clint Reilly...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: SO FAR, 3 MEASURES HAVE QUALIFIED FOR CA's NOVEMBER BALLOT..

As of June 1st, 3 initiative measures have won spots via the initiative process for the November 1992 ballot. The 3 measures include: Death with Dignity Initiative; the Pension Protection Act of 1992; and an initiative to REPEAL the State sales tax on snack foods...

...Of the remaining 5 initiatives that were submitted in hopes of making the November ballot, CALPEEK sources believe the TERM LIMIT initiative for U.S. Senators & House members has a good shot at making it. The backers turned in 624,237 names. Counties report that as of 6/1/92, 304,124 valid signatures had been counted. To insure qualification without checking all 624,237 names (which would take longer than the June 25 deadline), proponents need to get verification of 423,741 signatures via random count...

...The other initiatives which are being counted include Gov. Wilson's welfare and budget reform measure; the CMA health insurance proposal; an initiative to cut the current sales tax, but hike corporate taxes and taxes for upper income taxpayers; and the school voucher (choice in education initiative). FYI: counties have NOT reported any numbers from the school voucher proposal so far. The DEADLINE for making the November ballot is June 25 and there is a PROBLEM: county registrars have 28 days to verify their June 2nd election returns. IF there are large numbers of WRITE-IN BALLOTS which must be counted by hand, this will undoubtedly drain large numbers of volunteers and staff who also are supposed to count and verify initiative PETITIONS. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out what could happen. Stay tuned...

OFFICIAL CALIF. VOTER REGISTRATION FIGURES.

CA SOS March Fong Eu reports that as of May 4, there were 13,569,248 registered voters in CA. That's 70.75% of the estimated 19.1 million who are ELIGIBLE to vote. The breakdown by party is as follows: Demos 6,581,888 (48.5%); GOP 5,242,805 (38.63%); AIP 184,176 (1.36%); Greens 93,026 (.69%); Libertarians 60,972 (.45%); P&F 66,240 (.49%); Decline to State 1,308,983 (9.65%); and 31,158 (.23%) miscellaneous parties. S.F. Co. is the biggest Demo stronghold with 62.35%, while Orange Co. is the big GOP stronghold with 54.81% being Republican voters...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Free-lance writer Tom Waldman has been hired as a press/legislative aide in the district office of U.S. Rep. Howard Ber-man...

- New address for consultant Rose King. Her company, Directions, has relocated to 187 41st St., Sacto 95819 (916)455-2721...

- Former TV political reporter Warren Olney has shifted to radio. Olney now has a 1-hr. M-F pa/topical affairs showing airing daily at 2 p.m. on KCRW-FM in L.A...

- GOP media consultant Don Ringe has opened a West Coast office in Santa Barbara (805)564-6540...